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Re: Colbert Landfill, Spokane County, Washington

Dear Doug:

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(b)(5), (b)(5) attorney-client	

I am particularly interested in your suggestions and comments regarding (b)(5), (b)(5) attorney-client (b)(5), (b

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Mackey
Assistant Regional Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Neil Thompson

IN THE MATTER OF COLBERT LANDFILL, ...) SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROCEEDING) UNDER SECTION 122(g)(4) OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE,) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF ON CONSENT AND 1980 ("CERCLA"), AS AMENDED ("SARA"). INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT U.S. E.P.A. DOCKET NO. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT AND INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT: (AN INTENDED "EXPEDITED FINAL SETTLEMENT"). TABLE OF CONTENTS JURISDICTION .. 10 II. PURPOSE OF CONSENT ORDER AND AGREEMENT..... 11 STATEMENT OF FACTS..... III. 12 IV. DETERMINATIONS..... 13 14 1. Payment..... 15 2. Refund of Monies... 16 3. Intended Final Settlement. 4. Information Disclosure..... 18 5. Non-Admission of Liability..... 19 6. Reservation of Rights..... 20 7. Covenant Not to Sue..... 21 8. Contribution Protection..... 22 9. Modifications. 23 10. Disputes. 24 11. Audits.... 25

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I. JURISDICTION

This Administrative Order on Consent and InterAgency Agreement ("Consent Order" and "Agreement") is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the President of the United States by Section 122(g)(4) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCIA") as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Re-authorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), to reach settlements in actions. That authority vested in the President has been delegated to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Executive Order 12580, and further delegated to the Regional Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency by Environmental Protection Agency Delegation.

This Administrative ("Expedited Final Settlement") Order on Consent and Agreement is issued to the Department of the Air Force ("Respondent"). The Respondent agrees to undertake all actions required of it by the terms and conditions of this Consent Order and Agreement.

The Respondent consents and agrees to and will not contest; the Environmental Protection Agency's jurisdiction to issue this Consent Order and Agreement nor to implement or enforce its terms.

II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Consent Order and Agreement is to set forth the Agreements reached by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Air Force and the State of Washington, Department of Ecology and the Department of the Air Force.

- 1. The Parties, E.P.A., "Ecology" and the Air Force, have reached agreement which they intend to be an "Expedited Final Settlement."
- 2. The Parties intend that certain appropriated funds from the Defense

Environment Restoration Account, ("D.E.R.A") be obligated and later dispursed to E.P.A. or to a "Colbert Landfill Special Fund" Trust.

- 3. This agreement is to complete the "contribution" of the Air Force to the Colbert Landfill remediaction, to render the performance of the Air Force's response to the E.P.A. Notice Letter dated January 08, 1988, and for the Air Force to fulfill its statutory obligations under CERCLA/SARA and D.E.R.A.
- 4. This document is to set forth and make express certain substantive and procedural provisions agreed to by the Parties.

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

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- 1. The Colbert Landfill, Spokane County, Washington, was a forty (40) acre landfill operated by Spokane County or its contractor between approximately 1968 and 1981. The landfill is now "closed" and "capped".
- During a portion of that time liquid wastes from Fairchild AFB, among others, were lawfully disposed at that Site after consultation with Spokane County using accepted practices of the period. Those liquid wastes included which subsequent to their lawful disposal at the site, were wastes entered into and migrated in sunderlying aquifers as described in the Remedial Investigation, Colbert Landfill" (1987).
- 3. A "remediation action" was selected as described in the "Record of Decision, Decision Summary, and Responsiveness Summary for Interim Final (sic) Remedial Action Colbert Landfill Site, Colbert, Washington." (Environmental Protection Agency Region X, September 1987).
- 4. As a result of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment, Environmental Protection Agency has undertaken a response action at the Site under section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9604, and will continue that response action into the future. That response action includes

- 5. In performing this response action, Environmental Protection Agency has incurred and will continue to incur response costs at or in connection with the Site. Environmental Protection Agency has expended approximately six hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$635,000.00) as of December 1987. The State of Washington has expended approximately two hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$285,000.00).
- 6. Information currently known to Environmental Protection Agency indicates;
- (a) the amount of hazardous substances contributed to the Site by Respondent does not exceed ten percent (10%) by volume of the known hazardous substances at the Site (and represents a much smaller percentage of the probable un-recorded site waste load),
- the Site do not contribute disproportionately to the cumulative toxic or other hazardous effects of the hazardous substances at the Site, i.e. Respondent's disposed substances are of the same general type as those disposed by the other Potentially Responsible Parties.
- 7. In evaluating the settlement embodied in this Consent Order, Environmental Protection Agency considered the potential costs of remediation at and in connection with the Site taking into account possible cost overruns in completing the remedial action, and possible future costs if the remedial

prompt design, construction, and operation of the remedial system.

8. Payments required to be made by the Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order are a minor portion of the total response costs at the Site. The Environmental Protection Agency, presently estimates those total cost to be approximately thirteen million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$13,700,000.00) to fourteen million dollars (\$14,000.000.00).

9. The Environmental Protection Agency has identified persons other than the Respondent, other Potentially Responsible Parties, who owned or operated the Site, or who arranged for disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for disposal or treatment, of a hazardous substance or hazardous substances owned or possessed by such person at the Site, or who accepted a hazardous substance or hazardous substances for transport to the Site. The Environmental Protection Agency has considered the nature of its cases against these other Potentially Responsible Parties in evaluating the settlement embodied in this Consent Order and Agreement.

IV. DETERMINATIONS

Based upon the Findings of Fact set forth above and on the administrative record for this Site, Environmental Protection Agency has determined that;

- 1. The Colbert Landfill site is a "facility" as that term is defined in section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(9),
- 24 2. The Respondent, the Department of the Air Force, is a "person" as that term
 25 is defined in section 101(21) of CERCIA 42 U.S.C. 9601(21),
 - 3. The Respondent is a "Potentially Responsible Party" within the meaning of

- 4. The past, present or future migration of hazardous substances at or from the Site constitute an actual or threatened "release" as that term is defined in section 101(22) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(22),
- 5. Prompt final settlement with the Respondent is practicable and in the public interest within the meaning of section 122(g)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(g)(1),
- 6. This Consent Order and Agreement involves only a minor portion of the response costs at the Site with respect to the Respondent pursuant to section 122(g)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(g)(1),
- 7. The amount of hazardous substances contributed to the Site by the Respondent and the toxic or other hazardous effects of the hazardous substances contributed to the Site by the Respondent are minimal in comparison to other hazardous substances at the Site pursuant to section 122(g)(1)(A) of CERCLA, 42. U.S.C. 9622(g)(1)(A).

V. ORDER

Based upon the Administrative Record for this Site, the Findings of Fact and the Determinations set Forth above, and to elaborate on the "Agreement in Principle" (Attachment 2), and in consideration of the promises and covenants set forth herein, it is hereby consented, agreed to, and ordered:

1. Payment:

(a) The Respondent Air Force shall cause to be "Obligated", by a "miscellaneous obligation document" an amount of one million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,450,000.00) within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order and Agreement. This is the total "Expedited Final Settlement" amount to be paid by the Respondent.

- (b) Of the total payment of one million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,450,000.00) to be made by the Respondent Air Force pursuant to sub-paragraph 1.(a) of this section:
- represents the Respondent's share of the sum of the response costs of the Environmental Protection Agency (and the State of Washington, Department of Ecology) to date and of the projected costs, including possible cost overruns, of the remedial action consistent with the Record of Decision ("ROD") for this Site. These estimated total remediation costs are presently estimated by the Environmental Protection Agency to be between thirteen million, seven hundred thousand dollars (\$13,700,000.00) and fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000.00).
- hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) represents the Respondent's share of any costs which may be incurred if Environmental Protection Agency determines that the remedial action consistent with the Record of Decision ("ROD") is not fully protective of public health or the environment; this remainder is a "premium" payment in consideration for an "Expedited Final Settlement".
- (c) To the extent practicable, the Environmental Protection Agency shall not request funds payments until needed, and the Respondent shall direct disbursement of the funds as requested as soon as practicable. Parties intent that payment be before the end of this 1988-89 Federal Fiscal Year.
- (d) Each payment shall be made by a United States Treasury check made payable to "Environmental Protection Agency Hazardous Substance Superfund" or, at the Environmental Protection Agency's request, to a "Colbert Landfill Special Fund" Trust, (Trust Agreement, Atch 3) which shall reference the site name, the name

1 and address of the Respondent and the Environmental Protection Agency docket 2 number for this action, and be sent to: 3 Environmental Protection Agency Superfund, P.O. Box 371003M Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 6 15251 7 or the appropriate trust address. 8 Payment checks shall be drawn against "Obligated" Defense Environmental 9 Restoration Account funds as available through lawful appropriations and 10 obligated by an authorized, representative official of the Department of the 11 Air Force. 12 (e) The Respondent shall simultaneously send a copy of the payment check 13 14 Regional Counsel 15 Attn: Robert Goodstein, Esq. 16 Environmental Protection Agency Region X 17 Seattle, WA 98101 18 and to: 19 State of Washington 20 Attorney General, Ecology Division 21 Lacey, WA 98504 22 ATTN: Jeffery Myers, Esq. 23 (f) Disbursement and payment of these monies shall constitute timely, 24 substantial performance of the response action, cost reimbursement, and 25 satisfactory completion of all matters of the Special Notice Letter (Atch 1) as

to the Potentially Responsible Party, the Department of the Air Force.

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2. Refund of Monies

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This "Expedited Final Settlement" is made from the transfer of funds from the Defense Environmental Restoration Account, 10 USC Chapter 160, sec 2703, authorized and appropriated by law, for the general purpose to "carry out a program of environmental restoration" with a goal of "correction of the other environmental damage" including "a removal or remedial action" and limits fund obligation to "environmental restoration function".

(a) Therefore should the Colbert Landfill remediation effort be abandoned, terminated, or cancelled before its completion the Environmental Protection Agency obligates itself and agrees to return a portion of funds transferred by the Respondent Air Force according to this Consent Order Agreement. "The Refund", shall be in an amount which is in the same ratio to the expedited final settlement amount as the total expenses of partial remediation until termination are to the estimated cost of total remediation at the time of termination:

refund amount expended remediation costs

settlement fund estimated total remediation

- (b) The amount to be refunded shall be transferred by the Environmental Protection Agency from its Superfund Account within the same fiscal year in which the termination of the Colbert Landfill remediation occurs, or from the Colbert Landfill Special Fund Trust, or from a combination of those funds as necessary to pay "the refund". "The Refund" shall be paid to the United States Treasury.
- (c) No other credits nor additions shall be sought by either party to this Consent Order and Agreement on account of cost savings, overruns, "scope of work" additions or deletions or for any other reason.

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The Environmental Protection Agency intends, consents and agrees to NOT seek further relief from the Respondent Air Force and this Consent Order and Agreement is NOT null and void, even if;

- (1) Information not currently known to Environmental Protection Agency is discovered which would indicate that the Respondent Air Force contributed hazardous substances to the Site in such greater amount or of such greater toxic of other hazardous effects that the Respondent Air Force would no longer qualify as a de minimis party at the Site.
- (2) Costs incurred during the completion of the remedial action "consistent with the Record of Decision" at the Site exceed or are less than present cost estimates, or
- (3) Environmental Protection Agency determines, based upon conditions at the Site, previously unknown to Environmental Protection Agency, or information received, in whole or in part, after entry of this Consent Order, that the remedial action consistent with the Record of Decision (ROD) is not to be fully protective of public health or the environment.
- (4) No other credits or addition shall be sought by either party to this Consent Order and Agreement on account of cost estimate savings, overruns, "scope of work" additions or deletions or any other reason.

4. Information Disclosure

The Respondent certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, it has provided the Environmental Protection Agency all information currently in its possession, or in the possession of its officers, employees, contractors or

agents, which relates in any way to the ownership, operation, generation, treatment, transportation or disposal of hazardous substances at or in connection with the Site.

5. Non-Admission of Liability

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Air Force intend and agree that the recitations, actions, and payments undertaken by the Respondent in accordance with this Consent Order and Agreement do not constitute an admission of liability by the Respondent Air Force nor the United States of America.

- (a) The Respondent and the United States of America does not admit and retains the right to deny and/or controvert in any contemporaneous or subsequent proceedings, other than proceedings to implement or enforce this Consent Order and Agreement, the validity of the "Findings of Fact" or "Determinations" contained in this Consent Order and Agreement.
- the Environmental Protection Agency and the Respondent Air Force intend to fully retain and to not waive any defenses available, and to not admit any fact or liability in any past, present, or future action in the nature of an administrative claim, or civil action, whether tort or contract, or any other action in law or equity from any act, error, or omission in, at, or about the site, from an action, disposed materials, from the Response Action, or from any other act for themselves, their employees, agents, and contractors, or on the behalf of the United States of America.

6. Reservation of rights

Nothing in this Consent Order and Agreement is intended to be nor shall it be construed as a release or covenant not to sue for any claim or cause of

- (a) Any liability as a result of failure to make the payments required by Section V, Paragraph 1, of this Consent Order and Agreement or:
- (b) Any matters not expressly included in Covered Matters, including, without limitation, any liability for damages to natural resources.
- (c) Nothing in this Consent Order and Agreement is intended as a release or covenant not to sue for any claim or cause of action, administrative or judicial, civil or criminal, past, present, or future, in law or in equity, which the United States, including Environmental Protection Agency, may have against any other person, firm, corporation, or other entity not a party to this Consent Order and Agreement.

·7. Covenant Not to Sue

Subject to the "Reservations of Rights" in Section V, Paragraph 6, of this Consent Order, upon "Obligation" of the amount specified in Section V, Paragraph 1, Sub-paragraph (a), of this Consent Order and Agreement, the Environmental Protection Agency covenants not to sue nor to take any other civil, administrative, or judicial action against the Respondent for "Covered Matters".

- "Covered Matters" shall include any and all civil liability for (a) reimbursement of response costs or for injunctive relief pursuant to sections 106 or 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 or 9607(a), or section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6973, with regard to the Site.
 - (b) In consideration of Environmental Protection Agency's "Covenant Not To

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Sue" in Section V, Paragraph 7, of this Consent Order, the Respondent Air Force agrees not to assert any claims or causes of action against the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency, or the Hazardous Substance Superfund (except for refund of monies in the event of termination of the remediation action and non-performance of Section V, paragraph 2) arising out of Covered Matters, or to seek any other costs, damages, or attorney's fees from the United States arising out of response activities at the Site.

8. Contribution Protection

Subject to the "Reservation of Rights" (in Section V, Paragraph 6(a), (b), and (c)) of this Consent Order and Agreement, Environmental Protection Agency agrees that by entering into and carrying out the terms of this Consent Order and Agreement, the Respondent Air Force will have completely resolved its liability to the United States of America for Covered Matters pursuant to section 122(g)(5) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(g)(5), and shall not be liable for claims for contribution for Covered Matters by any other person.

9. Modifications

Many modifications for deletions to this Consent Order shall be only by mutual agreement of both parties, hereto.

10. Disputes

Any disputes involving this Consent Order and Agreement shall be submitted to the Attorney General (or his designee) to be resolved by his written opinion and decision, which shall be binding on the parties.

11. Audits

Each Party, and its designee, agent, contractor, or trustee shall keep and make available such records as to facilitate and enable a generally accredited audit to be performed.

12. Attorney General's Approval

Because this Expedited Final Settlement exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), the Attorney General (or his designee) must issue prior written approval of this Expedited Final Settlement embodied in this Consent Order and Agreement in accordance with section 122(g)(4) of CERCLA/SARA.

13. Public Comment

This Consent Order and Agreement shall be subject to a thirty (30) day public comment period pursuant to section 122(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S. C. 9622 (I). In accordance with section 122(1)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(1) (3)., Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to withdraw consent to this Consent Order if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that this Consent Order is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

14. Conditions Precedent to Effectiveness

This Administrative Order on Consent and Agreement shall become effective only, after the occurance of all of the following:

- (a) Prior written approval of the Attorney General (or his designee)
- satisfaction of its claims and causes of actions against the Department of the Air Force and the release of the Respondent from future or additional liability by the State of Washington.
- (c) Agreement, execution, and signature by duty authorized representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Respondent Air Force.
- (d) Environmental Protection Agency gives written notice of the expiration of the Public Comment period together with written notice of continuation of the mutually stated obligations under the terms of this Consent Order and Agreement to the Respondent.

15. Effective Date

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The effective date of this Consent Order and Agreement shall be the date upon which the Environmental Protection Agency issues written notice to the Respondent Air Force that the public comment period pursuant to section V, Paragraph 15, of this Consent Order and Agreement has closed and that no comments received have necessitated modification of nor withdrawal from this Consent Order and Agreement.

16. Certification of Signatories

This Consent Order and Agreement shall apply to and be binding upon the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Air Force and their officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns. Each signatory to this Consent Order and Agreement certifies he/she is authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Order and Agreement and to bind legally the party represented by him/her.

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Department of the Air Force

IT IS SO AGREED, CONSENTED, AND ORDERED.

DUNALD A KANE, COL USAF, ESC Chief, Environmental Division Directorate of Engr & Surs.

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VII. ATTACHMENTS 1. Special Notice Letter.

- 2. Letter, "Agreement in Principle".
- 3. Environmental Protection Agency's Trust.
- 4. Attorney General's Written Approval.
- 5. Parallel State Proceedings
 - (a) Summons
 - (b) Complaint
 - (c) Consent Decree
- 6. Washington Notice of Satisfaction
- 7. Performance of Special Notice Demands

COLBERT LANDFILL TRUST FUND

THIS DECLARATION OF TRUST, dated this 10 day of
March, 198%, is made and entered into by and among
SPOKANE COUNTY ("Settlor"), and WASHINGTON TRUST BANK ("Trustee"),
pursuant to the Agreements on Consent to Implement Focused Correc-
tive Action Measures pursuant to State of Washington, Department of
Ecology, and United States Environmental Protection Agency v. Key
Tronic, Inc., and Spokane County, No. and State of
Washington, Department of Ecology v. United States Air Force,
No (the "Consent Agreements").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE has agreed to transfer, assign, and convey unto the Trustee the sum of One Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,450,000.00) in trust, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, KEY TRONIC, INC., a Washington corporation, has agreed to transfer, assign, and convey unto the Trustee the sum of Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000.00) in trust, pursuant to the terms of the Consent Agreements; and

WHEREAS, funds transferred by UNITED STATES AIR FORCE and KEY TRONIC, INC., a Washington corporation, shall constitute the initial corpus of the trust hereby created and shall be held, invested, and distributed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, it is therefore agreed as follows:

- I. <u>Trust Estate</u>. The Trust Estate, as that term is used in this trust, shall consist of the following:
 - 1. The assets transferred to the Trustee by UNITED STATES FORCE and KEY TRONIC, INC., a Washington corporation, as hereinabove provided; and
 - 2. Any funds transferred to the Trustee by any other person or entity; and
 - 3. The proceeds, investments, and reinvestments of the assets so transferred to the Trustee.

- II. Trust Purpose. The Trustee shall hold, invest, reinvest, and distribute the Trust Estate, as Trustee, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein. This trust is organized and shall be operated to provide a source of funds for the purpose of paying for the remedial action referenced in the Consent Agreements. In furtherance of this purpose, the Director of the Department of Ecology, hereinafter referred to as the "Director" has sole power to direct the Trustee and the distribution of the Trust Estate in the manner hereinafter provided for.
- III. <u>Distributions</u>. The Trust Estate shall be distributed by the Trustee from time to time as directed by the Director pursuant to the Consent Agreements. The Trustee may rely with acquittance upon any direction of payment made pursuant to the Consent Agreements.
- IV. <u>Duration</u>. This trust shall continue until the earlier of the issuance of a Certificate of Completion to SPOKANE COUNTY pursuant to the provisions of Section XXX of the Consent Agreements, or until the Trust Estate has been distributed for the activities and purposes set forth herein. If the Trust Estate has not been wholly distributed prior to the earliest date referred to in the first sentence of this paragraph, and there has not been a direction to distribute funds pursuant to Consent Agreements which will exhaust the funds, then all such remaining unappointed funds shall be delivered forthwith one-half (1/2) to the State of Washington, Department of Ecology, and one-half (1/2) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- V. Irrevocable Nature of Trust. The trust created by this Agreement shall be deemed irrevocable and the Settlor shall have no right whatsoever to alter, amend, revoke, or terminate this Trust Agreement in whole or in part. Rurther, it is the intention of KEY TRONIC, INC., a Washington corporation, and UNITED STATES AIR FORCE to transfer all of their interest in the Trust Estate transferred to the Trustee herein. Therefore, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE and KEY TRONIC, INC., a Washington corporation, and any other person or entity transferring assets to the Trustee hereunder, do hereby assign to the Trustee all right, title, and interest in and to the

Trust Estate and relinquish all administrative power over the Trust Estate or any power to control the beneficial enjoyment of the trust assets.

VI. Trustee. It is hereby directed to invest and reinvest the trust assets and such property as it from time to time deems prudent. Provided, however, that the Trustee's power to invest the trust assets shall be limited in the same manner as the ability of trust assets investing funds on behalf of municipalities within the persons investing funds on behalf of municipalities within the State of Washington is limited pursuant to RCW 36.29.020 et seq.

VII. <u>Powers and Duties of Trustee</u>. Except as specifically restricted hereunder, the Trustee shall have all duties, powers, and rights imposed and granted by the laws of the State of Washington

In addition to the duties, powers, and rights imposed and granted by law, the Trustee shall have (unless specifically restricted herein) the power and the exercise of discretion in the application thereof to:

- 1. Determine the allocation of receipts and expenses between income and principal in accordance with the Washington principal and Income Act;
- 2. Rely with acquittance upon the advice of counsel on questions of law;
- 3. Merge or combine any trusts hereunder with the trust or trusts otherwise established for the same purpose and substantially the same provisions, and thereafter administer and distribute such combined estate as one;
- 4. Appoint an ancillary trustee or agent to facilitate the management of assets located in another state, if any;
- 5. At any time to resign as Trustee of the trust reated by this instrument without court proceeding, by elivering written notice of resignation as hereinafter proided;
 - 6. To commence or defend at the expense of the trust uch litigation with respect to the trust or any property of he trust as the Trustee may deem advisable;

7. Compromise, submit to arbitration, release with or without consideration, and otherwise adjust any claims in favor of or against the trust.

VIII. Resignation. The Trustee shall have the right to resign at any time by delivering its resignation in writing to the Settlor, such resignation to take effect upon the acceptance of appointment in writing by successor Trustee. Upon any such resignation, the Settlor shall deliver to the Director a copy of the Letter of Resignation, together with a letter proposing to appoint a successor Trustee. Provided, however, any successor Trustee shall be a corporation authorized to conduct trust business within the State of Washington and at the time of its appointment have assets of not less than One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.000.00) of trust funds.

Upon the approval of successor Trustee by the Director, the Settlor shall in writing appoint a successor Trustee. Acceptance of appointment of successor Trustee shall be in writing and shall become effective upon receipt by the Settlor of the notice of such acceptance.

Any successor Trustee appointed under this article shall, upon appointment, immediately succeed to all powers, rights, discretions, obligations, and immunities of the Trustee under this Agreement with the same effect as though successor Trustee were originally named as Trustee in this Agreement.

- IX. <u>Compensation</u>. The Trustee shall be entitled to be paid reasonable compensation as agreed upon by the Settlor and the Trustee.
- X. Governing Law. This Trust Agreement shall be administered, construed, and enforced according to the laws of the State of Washington. Should any provision of this Agreement be or become invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall be and continue to be fully effective.
- XI. <u>Notices</u>. Any notices or other communication required or permitted by this Agreement to be delivered to or served on the Trustee shall be deemed properly delivered to, or serve on, and received by the Trustee when personally delivered to a trust